Supreme Court on the 1st February, 1999 and is again enlisted for consideration by them on 22.3.99. The term of the Ribeiro Committee has been extended upto 31.3.99 forgiving the second and final report.

Reply to Petitioners

2551. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a reply of the petitions are supposed to be sent to every petitioner as per the rules of Govemment;

(b) if so, the number of cases in which the said rules have not been followed during the last three years in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions;

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Petitions pertaining to and received in the Ministry are acknowledged and final replies sent to the petitioners invariably. No instances of lapse in this regard have been reported.

Transfer of senior IAS Officers

2552. SHRI RAJUBHAIA. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the transfer policy of Government in transfer cases of Senior IAS officers of U.T. Cadre who are in the rank of
Joint Secretary and have been enjoying continuous stay in Delhi for more than five years in various Govemment organisations; and

(b) if so, the names of all such officers in whose case relaxation have been granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): The Ministry of Home Affairs have furnished the following reply:

(a) and (b) The guidelines laid down for the transfer/posting of IAS officers of AGMU Cadre lay down that the officers in the Joint Secretary's grade would generally spend about three years each in "soft" and "hard" areas outside Delhi on promotion in that grade. This policy is appropriately followed keeping in view the exigencies of the service and personal circumstances of the Officers, if any, to ensure that each constituent unit is able to avail of the services of officers with varying seniority, experience and expertise in various fileds of administration, suited to the needs of that constituent unit, except in rare cases on compassionate grounds. It is generally ensured that every officer does his sare of tenure outside Delhi. No relaxation as such has been formally given to any member of the service as regards the tenure required to be spent outside Delhi.

Adoption of CCS Rules by Instrumentalities of Government of India

2553. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an instrumentality of Government of India can adopt mutatis mutandis a particular set of CCS Rules e.g. CCS(CCA) Rules 1965 and also frame/use its own Rules on the same subject simultaneously; and

(b) if so, the details of rules that provide for such an authorisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b)The CCS Rules including CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965, are not automatically applicable to an instrumentality of Govemment of India. However, such an instrumentality is free to adopt with or without modification, these rules as model rules for its employees as these rules do not prohibit the same.